## **NEWS**

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## SCAQMD Issues Smoke Advisory for Fire Burning in the Yucaipa Area

This advisory is in effect today through Saturday morning. SCAQMD will issue an update if additional information becomes available.

A brush fire, named the Bryant Fire, is burning in San Bernardino County, near the City of Yucaipa. The burn area was estimated this morning to be 325 acres, with 10 percent containment. Winds are expected to be from the west, with smoke impacts locally near the fire and moving into the mountains. Air quality may reach Unhealthy levels in areas directly impacted by smoke.

Areas of direct smoke impacts and Unhealthy air quality will likely include portions of:

- the East San Bernardino Valley Area (Forecast Area 35);
- the San Gorgonio Pass Area (Forecast Area 29); and
- the East San Bernardino Mountains (Forecast Area 38).

All individuals are urged to exercise caution and avoid unnecessary outdoor activities in any area directly impacted by smoke. This includes areas where residents can see or smell smoke.

In any area directly impacted by smoke: Everyone should avoid any vigorous outdoor or indoor exertion; people with respiratory or heart disease, the elderly, and children should remain indoors. Keep windows and doors closed or seek alternate shelter. Run your air conditioner if you have one and keep the fresh air intake closed and the filter clean to prevent bringing additional smoke inside. Avoid using a swamp cooler or wholehouse fan to prevent bringing additional smoke inside. To avoid worsening the health effects of wildfire smoke, don't use indoor or outdoor wood-burning appliances, including fireplaces.

SCAQMD Advisory updates can be found at the following link: <a href="mailto:ftp://ftp.aqmd.gov/pub/globalist/Advisory.pdf">ftp://ftp.aqmd.gov/pub/globalist/Advisory.pdf</a>

To subscribe to air quality alerts, advisories and forecasts by email, go to <a href="http://AirAlerts.org">http://AirAlerts.org</a>

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For more tips on avoiding health impacts from smoke, see SCAQMD Fire Safety Alert Factsheets at <a href="http://www.aqmd.gov/home/library/public-information/publications#factsheet">http://www.aqmd.gov/home/library/public-information/publications#factsheet</a>

SCAQMD is the air pollution control agency for Orange County and major portions of Los Angeles, San Bernardino and Riverside counties.